

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 15-18, and 28-33 were pending in the above-identified patent application. Claims 15-18 and 34-37 will be pending after the above amendments are entered.

Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sharrit et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,999,990 (hereinafter "Sharrit") in view of Vernon et al. European Patent No. EP 0 801 351 A2.

Claim 28 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Sharrit.

Claims 29-33 are objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claim 28.

Claims 15-18 are allowed.

Applicants have canceled claims 1-4 and 28-33 without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more continuing patent applications pursuing the subject matter of the canceled claims. The rejections of the canceled claims are therefore moot.

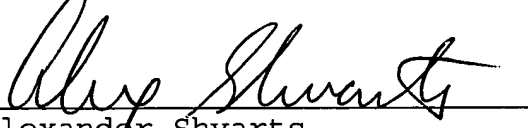
Applicants respectfully request that new claims 34-37 be entered. New claims 34-37 do not add any new matter and are fully supported and justified by the specification. New claims

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34-37 are dependent from allowed independent claim 15 and are allowable because claim 15 is allowable.

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, prompt consideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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